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FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1904.

Every true Democrat will vote for Parker and Davis.

Arcadia continues to prosper. She is soon to have several brick buildings erected.

The counties of Hamilton, Leon and Marion are each to have a wet and dry election.

The whole country is threatened with a meat famine by the strike of the Butchers' Union.

Florida's orange, grapefruit and pine apple crops are getting to be immense.—Tallahassee Capital.

It is said that the Jacksonville Carnival Association will make the carnival this fall the best ever held in that city.

The estimate of Florida's orange crop for this year has been conservatively placed at 3,000,000 boxes by the New York Packer.

A recent cloudburst near Manila, Philippine Islands, caused the loss of 300 lives and damaged property to the amount of \$2,000,000.

Diaz has been elected president of Mexico for another six years, but he is growing so old that he will probably not live through the term.

General Robert Bullock has the sympathy of the entire State in the loss of his beloved wife, who died very suddenly about a week ago.

Sam Jones says: "A fellow can sometimes tell what a rascal will do, but neither man nor angel can foretell what a fool will do."—News

Samuel M. Jones, mayor of Toledo, Ohio, died recently at his home in that city. He was familiarly known as "the Golden Rule mayor."

Bryan and Hill each took a plank out of the platform at St. Louis and both seem satisfied with their work. This means harmony.—Lakeland News.

The South Florida Fair proposed for Tampa this fall will be a great thing for South Florida and should have the hearty endorsement of the entire section.—Lakeland News.

Editor Joe Humphries, of Manatee, says he is going to the State Senate. In this statement, DeSoto county voices the sentiments of the Bradenton editor.—Tampa Tribune.

Well, that was a convention; really, something like! "How do you feel, Julius?" "I feel high!" "How high?" "Shanghai!" Now we'll have the opening chorus from the Merry War."—Courier-Journal.

Frank Harris' Ocala Banner is doing some good work for the cause of Democracy and Judge Parker. You would never think that the Banner and its brainy editor were at one time on the free silver craze.—Tribune.

Polk county is in the best condition financially that she has ever been in her history. A large surplus on hand and no debt makes a pretty good showing and is very creditable to the county commissioners.—Miami News.

Line up, boys, line up. One man's victory is another man's defeat. We must give and take, you know. Hurrah for Parker and Davis, Honest Money, Home Rule and "A Tariff for Revenue Only."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Fireman's Tournament and Mid-Summer Carnival to be held in Miami promises to be a grand success. The railroads are offering reduced rates and this will be a good opportunity for those who wish to visit the "Magic City."

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., author of "The Leopard's Spots," says that when one of his boys finished his "Caesar" last spring his mother asked him, "Do you think you would know Julius Caesar if you met him?" A look of savage hate wrinkled his brow as he slowly replied: "I'm not sure; but I'll tell you one thing, if I should happen to meet him nobody else would ever know him."

OUR CHANCES FOR VICTORY.

The National Democratic convention has met and completed, as nearly satisfactorily as possible, the work that was before it. The ticket nominated is a strong one and the outlook for victory is even more promising than it was twelve years ago.

Judge Parker's nomination on the first ballot is sufficient evidence that he is a strong leader, and with ex-Senator Davis, of West Virginia, for a running mate, the ticket is made so much stronger. Mr. Davis, being a Southern man, will carry the solid South and in all probability the West, while Parker can take care of the East. New York will go Democratic and will carry New Jersey and Connecticut with it, while Indiana and Illinois can likely be swayed.

The platform contains no objectionable planks—it is the most conservative made in years. There is nothing in it for Democrats to worry over and the nominee is a man thoroughly capable of guiding the country's destiny.

Again harmony has been restored in the party; Mr. Bryan is satisfied, while Messrs. Cleveland, Hill and all the other great leaders are pleased. Hence the Republicans are no doubt somewhat disappointed, since the split they looked for did not come. They expected a repetition of '96 and 1900, but their desires failed. It is now up to them and they must fight to a finish. But let us stand together and say with the Courier-Journal:

Elect the ticket! You bet we'll elect the ticket! Face to the foe—eyes on the target. Every Democrat in his place. No mouthing and no monkey business. No nonsense about either '73 or '96. Fools to the rear. Braves to the front! March!

A PROSPEROUS COUNTY.

Some DeSoto county orange growers who were in town last week, gave a glowing account of the grove prospects in that favored section. The June bloom is reported heavy and all indications now point to a bumper crop next fall.

We have referred to this county as "favored." The term is used advisedly. A few years ago DeSoto was mainly given over to the "range" and to "range cattle." Today its orange groves are the pride and wonder of the State, and its farming lands are fast attracting the attention they deserve.

But let it not be supposed that our DeSoto county neighbors have lost sight of the stock raising industry. No other county in the State can boast of finer stock or fuller herds than old DeSoto. But the days of the old range are fast passing away never to return, and in its place has come the far-reaching wire fence and the vast, well-shaded and well-watered enclosure of the modern stockman.

The people of DeSoto are certainly to be congratulated upon the fact that this transition has been made with so little friction—that the old order has given place to the new with so little ill-feeling.

Apart from the progressive character of its people and the advantages of soil and climate conferred by nature, the rapid advance of this county must in a great measure be ascribed to the character and influence of its two leading newspapers, the DeSoto County News and THE PUNTA GORDA HERALD, which, under the editorial management, respectively, of Walter Graham and Adrian P. Jordan, have lost no opportunity to proclaim to the outer world the advantages and resources of their section.—Farmer and Fruit Grower.

It is a strong, board platform that can hold Bryan, Tillman, Hill and Belmont at the same time. Little wonder the Republicans have begun to hustle for "sineas of war." They will certainly need a "full barrel" to win out this time.—Times Herald.

Oom Paul Kruger, former president of the Transvaal republic, died in Clarens, Switzerland, on July 14. His remains were temporarily interred in Clarens until authority can be obtained from the British government to transport them to the Transvaal.

Arcadia Champion:—"The Gentleman from DeSoto," Gen. Albert W. Gilchrist, is the most popularly mentioned candidate for speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. We feel sure that no better man for the position can be found in all Florida, so let it be "Speaker Gilchrist."

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GENERAL GILCHRIST IN ST. LOUIS.

Writes Two Letters Explaining Different Features of the Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 13, 1904. EDITOR HERALD:—This is the biggest exposition ever held. Its grounds represent 1,240 acres; Chicago, 633; Paris in 1900, 336; Buffalo, 300; Philadelphia's Centennial, 236 acres. In the big palatial buildings there are here under roof 128 acres, Chicago 82, Buffalo 15. Here there are 100 acres in out-door exhibits. The cost of it is about fifty millions. Everything is in keeping with the great Purchase which this exposition is intended to commemorate. The results of the highest endeavor of man in every profession, trade, pursuit or walk in life are here portrayed. It has wonderful educational features; it appeals to the practical common sense man; to those who love the beautiful in art or nature there is an inspiration in every part of the grounds.

It is needless for me to attempt to describe this exposition. I can help those who intend to come. Olive street is most convenient to the Fair on account of its trolley line. I am stopping on Olive street, No. 4049, at the Bluegrass hotel. I have a splendid room, electric lights, hot and cold water, price \$1.50 a day. There are many private residences in this vicinity displaying signs, "Rooms." Good meals can be had for 50 cents. At some of the restaurants the price would be much more or much less; \$3 a day will room and feed you; 50 cents is the price of admission.

The "Pike" corresponds with the "Midway" of the Chicago Fair. There are some splendid shows on the "Pike," the price of admission ranging from 10 cents to 50 cents. Among the best may be mentioned "A Trip from New York to the North Pole," "Hale's Fire Fighters," "Cummings' Great Indian, Wild West, Cow Boy Show," "Tyrolean Alps" and "Baby Incubator." Here they take the babies weighing 2 pounds and 10 ounces, born prematurely, in six months and raise them. They are in glass cases.

Off the "Pike" there are some splendid shows. The Boer war reproduces several battles. This is no panorama, but battles are fought, several Boer commanders taking part. "Jerusalem" covers 12 acres. Those interested in Biblical history will be charmed. A preacher could get much material for his sermon.

I will write other features later.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

SECOND LETTER.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 16, 1904.

Twelve to fifteen days of sight-seeing at this Fair will make any one appreciate that "tired feeling" which is often felt. After rushing around ten or twelve hours a day for as many days there is nothing at the end of such a day comparable to sweet rest. The shapidity of poetry and music combined are but secondary incidents. Especially is this true if you should be resting in the evening in the Fair grounds, under the soft light of over 100,000 incandescent lights, the colors changing from ordinary light to red and green; palaces, lagoons with gondolas on them, sculpture, gardens, sweet music, thousands of men and women passing and re-passing, far or near, according to your position, "rest" is one of the most beautiful, delightful words in the English language. A full realization of "rest" is bound to make a man or woman better by making them more thoughtful of tired men, women and animals.

In the war with Russia Japan has surprised the civilized world. At the Fair Japan has no less surprised the world by the proofs of her advancement in the arts of peace. Japan is everywhere in evidence.

Germany has made a special effort. Canada has come with the intention of securing immigration from America. Canada has told a wonderful story, especially in grain in the North-west.

Florida has a small space in the horticultural building, under the auspices of the Times-Union. There are shown some fine grapefruit and some ordinary pineapples. It is attracting attention. The California grapefruit on exhibition are about one-third the size of those in the Times-Union exhibits.

California has a fine exhibit. This State never loses an opportunity at a fair.

The Fair is a grand success. With a half or fourth of its attractions it would be a success. The "Pike" at night is brilliantly illuminated; great throngs pass and re-pass and fill this great highway. The shows are generally good, some are excellent, among the best I mentioned in my first letter. Some of the shows are simply bazaars to sell souvenirs or restaurants to feed you.

St. Louis is a big city. You can find in it high priced lodgings and restaurants or you can find them with moderate prices.

I expect to leave here on the 17th or 18th for Colorado.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

OFF TO CUBA.

Capt. James McKay's steamer "Gusie" sailed Sunday morning with a cargo of 700 head of cattle for Cuba. A part of the cattle, 300 head, belong to Mr. D. W. Childs and son, who contemplate going into the cattle business on a large scale in Cuba. They carried along a lot of poultry, etc., and go with the intention of making their home on the island.

Besides Mr. Childs and his son a large party of people from Arcadia and this place went over, some to prospect and others merely for a pleasure trip. Those who made up the party are Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Durrance, Dr. D. N. McQueen, Messrs. W. H. Brown, J. L. Davis, E. A. White, Steve Hooker, A. B. Lasseter and Frank Knight.

The ship is bound for the port of Cardenas, where the passengers will disembark and spend a week or so taking in the sights. They will likely return when the ship makes her next trip.

FLORIDA HERMIT.

Seeks His Old Home in Pennsylvania After Many Years' Absence.

Robert Tracy Little, a man of about thirty years, almost blind and decrepit, the son of a rich Pennsylvania farmer, impoverished that he had to beg his way from the Everglades of Florida, according to the Cincinnati Enquirer asked the mayor of that city for help in getting to his old home near Pittsburgh.

Shuffling into the mayor's office, with a gunnysack over his shoulder, the pot and kettle which the bag contained clinking as he moved, Little related the story of his wanderings.

Before he left the Everglades, three months ago, he had never gone beyond the prescribed limits of the little hut and the clearing about it in which he lived a hermit for eighteen years. During the three months' wandering he has covered one thousand miles.

As a boy of 12 he ran away from home to make his fortune. He drifted south to Florida and took up the life of a fisherman and trapper. He fell ill from the fever of the Southern swamps and when he recovered his mind was gone.

For months he wandered through the impenetrable thickets. People died at his approach. Then the clouds that enveloped his mind were dissipated and he knew why he had been feared and why men ran away when they saw him. The sight of one eye was totally destroyed; that of the other was rapidly failing. Then he decided to make his way back to the place of his birth. He does not know whether his father and brothers are living, but he will continue his long journey until he reaches his destination. His sole desire is to see his old home again before blindness shuts his vision forever to the light of the world.

Nearly every one living near the Everglades in South Florida knows Robert Tracy Little, the famous hunter and trapper, and will read the foregoing with interest.

BIG JEW FISH.

Mr. Jno. M. Conolly, the popular bookkeeper of the Florida Fish & Produce Co., a week or so ago, caught at the head of the railroad dock a huge jew fish. The fish weighed 610 pounds, was 6 feet 9 inches long and measured 6 feet 2 inches in circumference.

Mr. Conolly had a little excitement in landing him. When the fish was hung he dived under the dock, swam around a piling and started for the open water. This gave several turns in the line around the piling and it was an easy matter to hold him. In his efforts to get loose, the fish came near tearing his jaw out and would have done so had it not been for one of the men on the dock who got into a boat and assisted Mr. Conolly to lift the fish in.

The fish was kept at the dock several days when he was thrown overboard and floated off. At a distance of about one hundred yards from the dock six or eight sharks went for and made short work of him. Thus ended the adventurous existence of a jew fish.

HAMILTON-FINE.

Mr. Monteville Hamilton and Miss Flossy A. Fine were married at 10:30 a. m. on the 12th inst. at the Cape Hayes light house, Rev. H. Broad, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few of the relatives of the contracting parties being present. The bride is a daughter of Robert J. Fine, the well-known keeper of the Cape Hayes light, while Mr. Hamilton is in the employ of the government with headquarters at Marco.

After the wedding they came up to Punta Gorda, where they spent a few days before going to Marco, where they will make their home.

A host of friends will join THE HERALD in wishing them an uninterrupted life of happiness.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A surprise party was given for Miss Kate Duane at the hospitable Whitten home in Solana Tuesday night. A crowd of about twenty young people attended, and although the surprise party was a failure, it proved to be a very enjoyable affair.

Those who attended were Misses Kate Duane, Helen Keyser, Lillie Conolly, Nellie Brown, Florence Purdue, Ellen Cooper, Lorraine Chatterton, Emily and Olive Whitten, Miss Hurton and Messrs. Clarence Brown, Robert Brown, Tillis, Conolly, Horton, Goldstein, Dewey, Whitten, Perkins and Jordan.

Miss Duane left Wednesday afternoon for Fernandina, where she will make her future home. She is a social favorite in Punta Gorda and all regret to see her go.

PUNTA GORDA VS. FT. MYERS.

The Punta Gorda Junior base ball team went down to Fort Myers last Friday and crossed bats with the boys of that place.

Two games were played, both of which were witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd. The first game was played Friday afternoon and was a very interesting one. The score was 10 to 4 in favor of Punta Gorda.

The second game was called at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and lasted only one hour—only five innings being played. The Fort Myers team played new men in several positions this time and the game was much closer than the one of the day before. Punta Gorda won by a score of 14 to 13.

THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR. The proposed South Florida Fair at Tampa should be of great value to this section of the State as an exhibition of its resources. For citrus fruit and vegetables, the time, October 10th to 25th, is much too early. For these things it should be at least a month later, and for the fruits December would be early enough. The fair held in Ocala in 1889 was in the month of February, and was a good exhibition on many lines. But South Florida has made the greater part of its growth since then, and such a fair as is now proposed may be made an immense success if wisely managed.—Arcadia News.

Business Notices.

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See that lot men's suits. They are \$8 to \$12 suits, broken sizes, and must be sold at \$4.50. Don't miss this offer, at Earnest's.

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Thousands of yards of calico to be closed out at 5c per yard.—J R Elliott.

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All our printed lawns, formerly sold at 10c, have been reduced and will be closed out in next week's special sale at 5c per yard.—J R Elliott.

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A sweeping reduction has been made in every department and sale will continue for ONE WEEK ONLY. Discount allowed on all cash purchases. See our adv.—J R Elliott.

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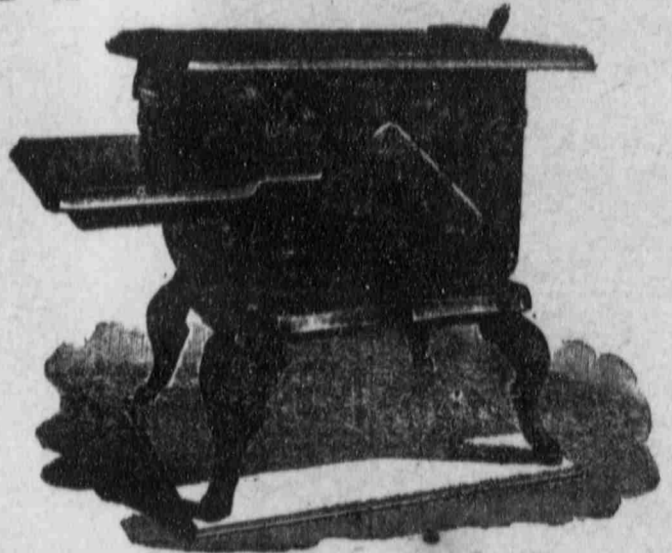
J. R. ELLIOTT.

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